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For attention: Interested and Affected Party
E-mail

PROPOSED ESKOM UNITED 200M 88KV LINE PROJECT

Notification of an Environmental Impact Assessment Process

Background

Texture Environmental Consultants has been appointed by Eskom Distribution Northern Region (the applicant) to lodge an application with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010, for the construction of the following project:

Broader Project Description

- Dismantle the existing 88kV Mink line between United and Grootpan substation on feeder No 2 GRO/KRO from poles 1-20.
- Build a new double circuit line on the same route with a Chickadee conductor.
- Disconnect feeder no 1 new line and connect onto the new 132kV feeder bay and at United substation.
- Deviate the two existing 88kV Lines (1GRO/KRO & 2GRO/KRO) from the steel gantry to pole no 2
- Reconnect feeders 1&2 to extend 88kV gantry in the substation and at the existing lines at pole 20.
- Tap off, at pole 20 on line no 1, from the Grootpan-United 88kV line with a +-200m Chickadee line

Activity applied for in this EIA: The Eskom United 200m 88kV line project entails the following:

- Tap off, at pole 20 on line no 1, from the Grootpan-United 88kV line with a +-200m Chickadee line.

Project Locality

Alternatives will be considered for the interconnector line. The proposed site for the interconnector line is on the farms Tweefontein 13 IS and Boschmansfontein 12 IS in the Emalahleni Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. The final property descriptions will be confirmed in the draft Basic Assessment Report that will be available to all interested parties.

Activities applied for to be authorized

The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 were published on 18 June 2010 and relevant to this project are the following listed activities:

Relevant notice:	Activity No:	Description of each listed activity as per project description:
R 544 of 18 June 2010	10	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the distribution of electricity outside urban areas with a capacity of 88kV.
R 546 of 18 June 2010	4	The construction of an access and construction road wider than 4 meters. (activity to be confirmed)

Other activities could be added in the course of the study as specialist studies become available.

Request for input

A Public Participation Programme (PPP) will be undertaken as per the prescribed guidelines of the DEA. In general, this process entails the identification of Interested and Affected Parties (e.g. land owners, government departments and NGO's), the distribution of information letters with a request for input, as well as advertising of the project on site and in the local press.

In order to register, as an Interested and Affected Party, any queries, comments and/or concerns should be submitted in writing together with your name, contact information and interest in the matter to Texture (Contact Person: Ria Pretorius e-mail address riap@peopletexture.net) within 40 days from the date of this letter.

Kind regards

Ria Pretorius